

# The Flourish Federation

## NEWSLETTER— September 2018

Keeping in touch, diary dates & reminders

Dear Parent and Carers,

Hello everyone and welcome back to a shiny new school year! A special welcome to all our new children and their families, we hope you have many happy times ahead as you begin your learning journey with us.

Can I begin with a huge thank you from myself and on behalf of all of the staff for all the cards, gifts and positive messages we received at the end of the last school year! It is a privilege to teach your children but knowing that we're appreciated means so much to us all and I personally was very moved by some of the gifts and expressions of thanks received.

As our federation moves into its second year I am very keen for us to see ourselves as a united team, sharing common goals and visions: working and collaborating together ensures that our children are able to access a consistent, high quality approach to learning from Early Years right through to Year 6. We will, therefore, be sharing and combining some school events and children will have more opportunities to interact with their older and younger peers.

Leadership across our schools will also be shared and you can be assured that, if required, there will always be a senior leader available for you to talk with. Due to family commitments I am reducing my working hours and at the same time will be preparing senior leaders for future headship and mentoring them to ensure they continue on their upward journey. I love my job so have no intention of going anywhere else, anytime soon!



Mrs. P Woods

### **SAFEGUARDING**

PLEASE CAN YOU MAKE SURE THAT ALL EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS ARE FULLY UP TO DATE, IF NOT INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALSO, THAT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER KNOWS ABOUT COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD TOO, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL WHO ARE WALKING OVER TO JOIN YOU AT THE INFANTS. WE WILL NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED BY ANYONE WHO IS NOT ON THE NAMED LIST UNLESS WE HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU. THIS OF COURSE IS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE SAFE, THANK YOU!

### **Always Grateful**

We are so grateful to our FOBS who have agreed to fund new storage sheds for Year 1 and the nurture quad area, also for some astro turf to be laid there to improve the learning environment. Thank you FOBS, our school budgets are tighter than ever and we couldn't afford this without your help!

The FOBS AGM will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7p.m. Please come if you can, even if you can only offer help with one or two events. New parents and carers will be warmly welcomed!

### **School Bags**

**Please can infant children just bring their book bags and not heavy ruck sacks etc. to school? They are really difficult to store in the classroom and cumbersome for the little people to carry, thank you.**

### **Health and Safety**

We love dogs but please do not bring them onto the school site. It is embarrassing for both parties to have these discussions before and after school. We are following guidance from RCC and always have to put the safety of our children first.

**RED TED**  
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Watch out for the appearance soon of RED TED's friend RALF (Read and Leap Forwards!) in the junior school. I'm sure you can guess what creature he is!!!! We have decided to extend RED TED into Year 3 and introduce RALF for Years 4, 5 and 6. Much more news to come soon! In the meantime please ensure your child reads regularly at home, thank you!

### Class Names

As you know our classes this year are named after endangered species and we will be encouraging the children to be mindful of our responsibility to protect our environment and protect all living things. The FOBS have provided every class with a furry mascot and we will be using our cuddly creatures to help us with our PSHE lessons. An ex-pupil Fraser Scorer came up with this idea and also the suggestion that we could have "worry boxes" in all classes for children to post their worries and avoid becoming anxious. Thank you for this wonderful idea Fraser!

### Considerate Parking

*We have received a concern from a resident in Cygnet Close regarding parents parking on both sides of the road, making it almost impossible, in the event of an emergency, for a fire engine or ambulance to pass through. Please, please park with care and consideration for our neighbours, thank you.*

### Dates for your diaries—Term 1

- 18/09/18 Meet the Teacher Years 1 & 2, 6.00 to 7.00
- 19/09/18 Meet the Teacher Years 3 & 4, 3.30 to 4.30
- 20/09/18 Meet the Teacher Years 5 & 6, 3.30 to 4.30
- 24/09/18 EY's children begin full time
- 28/09/18 School Photo's
- 01/10/18 F.S Meet the Teacher, 6.00 to 7.00
- 17/10/18 Harvest Assembly, BIS, 9.30
- 18/10/18 Harvest Assembly, BJS, 9.30
- 18/10/18 FOBS AGM, 7p.m.
- 19/10/18 Last day of Term 1

*Term Dates and Staff Development Dates will come home on a separate sheet. Thank you for all your support, here's to another happy year!*

### Dates for your diaries—Term 2

- 29/10/18 First day of Term 2
- 31/10/18 New Entrants Walkabout (2019-2020)
- 07/11/18 New Entrants Walkabout (2019-2020)
- 16/11/18 Children in Need Event
- 26/11/18 Parent Talks, BIS & BJS, 1.30 to 7.30
- 11/12/18 BIS Christmas Performance 1, 9.30, no siblings
- 12/12/18 BIS Christmas Performance 2, 9.30, siblings invited
- 13/12/18 BIS Christmas Performance 3, 9.30, no siblings
- 12/12/18 Volunteers Christmas Thank-you, BIS & BJS, 2.15
- 17/12/18 BJS Christmas Production, 9.30
- 18/12/18 BJS Christmas Production, 9.30
- 18/12/18 Carols Outside, BIS & BJS, 2.30
- 19/12/18 Christmas Parties, BIS & BJS, p.m.
- 19/12/18 Last Day of Term 2